

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the vision and commitment of Washington State is to ensure a safe and secure Washington for the 21<sup>st</sup> century; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Washington has experienced natural and technological disasters in the past, and scientific evidence indicates Washington remains vulnerable to natural and technological disasters in the future; and

**WHEREAS**, the citizens of our state need to prepare themselves to be self-sufficient for at least three days following an act of terrorism, natural, or man-made disaster; and

**WHEREAS**, state agencies and state employees should be prepared so they can continue to provide essential public services after a disaster, and support the state's disaster response and recovery mission; and

**WHEREAS**, loss of life and property from all hazards, including terrorism, can be greatly reduced if citizens have information provided over the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA) Weather Radio; and

**WHEREAS**, the importance of monitoring NOAA Weather Radio will be highlighted during the month of September for NOAA, the city, county, and state emergency management agencies, and schools, hospitals, and businesses in the state;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Gary Locke, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim September 2004 as

***National Preparedness Month  
and  
NOAA Weather Radio Awareness Month***

in Washington State and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2004

Governor Gary Locke

